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NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Aids Network of Edmonton Society is proud to be part of a new AIDS prevention program which went 'on stream' officially August 7, 1990. The Needle exchange program is intended to provide information to intravenous drug users on the risks of such activity and for those who continue anyway, and to ensure that a supply of clean needles is available. The Network serves as one of 3 exchange sites. The other 2 are the Boyle McCouley Health Centre and the Boyle Street Coop. Two outreach streetworkers have been hired to initiate contact, develop rapport, provide information, education and referral for the clients of the project.

Similar projects have had great success in Toronto and Vancouver. Its exciting for the AIDS Network to be part of its planning and inception in this city. We also have the opportunity to liaise with and learn from other people with expertise in inner city issues, health care and 'street smarts'. The system is designed to be 'user friendly' and to ensure the safety of our own staff and volunteers. Anyone who will be involved will have the opportunity for an orientation session. Any comments, suggestions, or questions are welcome.

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SUPPLEMENTARY THERAPIES WORKSHOP

The ANE will be putting on a workshop on Nov. 2 - 4 at the Unitarian Church. There will be an opening session followed by a wine and cheese on Friday evening Nov. 2. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Ronna Jevne and her topic will be hope. Dr. Jevne is the author of the book "No Time For Nonsense".

Workshop sessions will be held on Saturday from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 and Sunday from 1:00 P.M. - 4:00. Sessions will include reflexology, journal keeping, therapeutic touch, bioenergetics, meditation and more. Watch for our brochure in September. Cost for the entire weekend will be \$15.00 This includes a catered lunch on Saturday. If the fee is a problem please contact Heather Huet and arrangements will be made.



FROM THE BOARD

At our last meeting, the board decided that we all spend a lot of time meeting but very little time communicating. This edition then marks the first of a regular column reporting board actions and decisions to Society members, staff, and volunteers.

First some details; The board includes 15 directors. In addition to serving the board, each director is also asked to chair or be a member of a committee, or to serve as one of the society officers on the Executive Committee. These activities, along with the "suggestion" that we individually assume responsibility for securing \$500.00 toward fund-raising, makes for a lot of time spent on board activities. In setting up the board every effort is made to establish a balance between men and women, and between gay/lesbian and heterosexual individuals. In addition, this year we have committed board positions to include members of the Edmonton Persons Living With HIV Society

The Board this year decided to endorse performance goals for the remainder of the year as a way to address the Network's mandate. Endorsed in July, these goals include establishing close relationships with the gay and lesbian community, increasing to \$40,000.00 funding raised through fund raising, elimination of a \$20,000.00 deficit, securing additional funding through the United Way and the municipal government, and advocating the increased need for federal and provincial funding. All this represents a considerable amount of work for the directors.

Finally I want to mention how pleased the Board is to see the formation of the Persons Living With HIV Society. Their comments and observations at our meetings help to remind us of the focus of our mandate. Members of the Society sit on our board, there is also a reverse arrangement with their board of directors. Further, The Board of Directors has encouraged the Agency to work closely with the EPLWHIV Society to provide them space and support within our facility. All this speaks of a mutually profitable and beneficial relationship. Enough for now, more next issue. If you do have any questions about the board and its activities, please contact me through the AIDS Network. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can.

M. Micheal Schreiner
Chairperson, Board of
Directors.

VIGIL OF PRAYER

This year's Vigil will take place Sept 21 - 23 at the General Hospital Chapel starting on the 21 st. at 5:00 P.M. to Sunday at 4:40 P.M. There will be a closing service at MCC 12530 - 110 Avenue at 7:30. The opening service will be at First Baptist Church 10031 - 109 Street on Thursday Sept. 20 at 7:00 P.M. The Pastoral Care Workshop will also take place at First Baptist the afternoon of Sept. 20 (check ANE office for time).

SAFER SEX WORKSHOPS

The next scheduled Eroticizing Safer Sex Workshop will be held on Saturday September 15, from 1 to 5 P.M.

If you are a volunteer, we **NEED** you to encourage your buddy and/or gay or bi friend to attend. Better yet why not **BRING** your friends. Whether you are in a relationship or not; whether you have been tested or not; whether you are HIV+ or not; or don't know. It doesn't matter **REGISTER!** There is only one requirement: you must be a gay or bi man.

Register by calling the Safer Sex Hotline: 491-8086.

You probably haven't thought of half the things you can do practicing safer sex ... but we have!

FALL DATES:

September 15, 1990 1 - 5 P.M.
October 14, 1990 1 - 5 P.M.
December 1, 1990 1 - 5 P.M.

SAFER SEX WORKSHOPS FOR WOMEN

ANE is planning to have workshops for women this fall or early winter. It is just in the planning stages at the moment but we will keep you posted as to what is happening.

If you are a gay or bi man in Edmonton or vicinity, and have not heard about the Eroticizing Safer Sex Workshops (unlikely as that may seem), we thought we'd fill you in on the latest comments from recent workshop participants:

"Definitely erotic - I'll have fun trying new found skills!"

"I liked the accepting atmosphere"

"...well presented, executed and fun."

(I liked), "...the comfort of talking about sex"

(I) "feel more at ease having sex..."

(I liked) "the information provided, the relaxed atmosphere, the opportunity to laugh and joke."

"Our 'eroticizers' were wonderful, open, honest, and knowledgeable. Keep up the great work guys!"

(I liked) "the openness, the demonstrations, the role playing sequences and the solid facts on safer practices."

(I liked) "the relaxed, non rushed pace."

"The Workshop should be a must"

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Reception

People are needed to answer telephones from 10 to 2 weekdays. Reception volunteers are **URGENTLY** needed. Even a shift here and there would help. Contact Heather or Steve at 424 - 4767.

Plant Caretaker

Needed-a devoted plant lover to come in once a week (at your convenience) to give the agency plants some tender loving care. Contact Heather or Steve at 424 - 4767.

STAFF CHANGES

Brigitte McKenzie has made it official! Motherhood is proving to be too much fun and Brigitte will not be returning to the Network September 1, 1990 as planned. The volunteers and staff wish her the very best and thank her for her wonderful support and friendship.

We welcome Heather Huet as the permanent fulltime Co-ordinator of Volunteers. Heather has been acting Co-ordinator since January 1990 and we are pleased that she has the position. Heather's talents and enthusiasm are valuable assets to our team.

Lil Waters, Co-ordinator of Administration, has taken a seven month leave of absence to go travelling with her husband Neil. They are going to eastern Canada and then to the United States returning next March. Bon Voyage and enjoy a well deserved holiday.

During Lil's leave, Ann Werkman has accepted the Acting Co-ordinator's position and Betty Hugo has been hired as secretary/receptionist. Welcome and best of luck to both of you in your new positions.

On August 20 Sharon Thurston joined the AIDS Network as Co-ordinator of Education. Sharon brings a wealth of experience in community development, research, planning and adult education and we welcome her on staff.

During the summer months we have been fortunate to have three government temporary employment program (STEP, SEED) employees. Candace, Laura and David have been with us since May and will finish their projects at the end of August. Thank-you for working us and best wishes in your future endeavours.

LOOK WHAT'S NEW

NEW IN THE RESOURCE LIBRARY

BOOKS

No Time For Nonsense - Self help for the seriously ill.
Ronna Fay Jevne, Ph.D. 1989

Preventing Aids - The design of Effective Programs.
Ronald O. Valdiserri 1989

VIDEOS

David's Song - Question and answer format with Native teenagers and David of PLWA

RESOURCE LIBRARY

You may have noticed that the procedures have changed a bit for borrowing material. Books can be taken out for a three week period and videos up to a maximum of one week (depending on availability). If you cannot return items by the due date please call Heather Viveiros at the office and let her know. When taking out a book sign the card at the back with your name (please print), date taken out and your phone number. To know when a book is due back use the stamp provided and stamp the small bookmark type pieces of paper, the date on the stamp is the date the book is due back. Small books and videos may be returned after hours by dropping them through the mail slot at the front door.

AGENCY QUILT

On July 26 we held a quilt stitching day. Several people dropped by to put in a few stitches. Unlike the memorial quilt, this quilt can be used both inside and outside of the agency. It will be used as a backdrop for events held by the ANE.

AIDS STATS

AIDS STATISTICS - JULY 31, 1990

Total Aids Cases By Location

	PLWA'S	TOTAL
Calgary	69	158
Edmonton	39	80
North	3	13
South	10	17
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Total	121	268

According to the Provincial AIDS Office, over 1,000 people in Alberta have tested positive to the HIV antibody. Remember that this is only the tip of the iceberg; these are people who have actually decided to go out and get tested. Many more are HIV positive without knowing it.

In Canada, as of March 1990, there have been 3,735 cases of AIDS reported. At the same time last year, the number was 2,390 cases of AIDS. New cases continue to appear daily. It is estimated that 50,000 Canadians are HIV antibody positive.

GIVE PURPOSE TO YOUR STAMP COLLECTIONS

PWA is willing to catalogue and auction off older stamp collections and accumulations. I will do all the research and donate 75% of proceeds to the Persons With Aids Society. You will be helping me to keep busy and feeling useful while helping to support the most needy. Collections can be sent to the Pwa offices 1447 Hornby Street Vancouver atten. Brad Hawbolt.

VOLUNTEERS REMEMBERED

Two volunteers of the agency have recently died of AIDS related illness.

Mark Blasetti, 32 died June 1, 1990 in Calgary with the support of family and friends. Mark joined the Network as a volunteer in the fall of 1987 and worked the telephone information lines and provided office assistance until he moved to Calgary in 1989.

David S. 49 died August 14, 1990 in Edmonton with the support of family and friends. David was active in forming the "Persons Living With HIV Society", did speaking engagements and served a short time on the Network's Board of Directors in 1989.

We extend our sympathy to Mark's and David's family, friends, and co-volunteers and remember their volunteer work with gratitude.

Barry Breau
Executive Director.

EPLWHIV REPORT

Having survived all of the activities around Gay Pride Week 1990 this PLWA has enjoyed the summer months. A chance to catch my breath; smell the flowers; kick up my heels, just like any other free spirited unoppressed individual. A chance to forget, for just a moment in time, that I am different. A chance to share with my family and my friends some unbridled laughter. A chance to go fly my kite. I am thankful for each day of good health, especially as I approach my one year anniversary of my AIDS diagnosis. Smell those flowers; enjoy the depth and wonderment that summer and fall brings. The world is alive and so am I.

Dana King
Pres., EPLWHIV Society

AIDS VIGIL of PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 21 - 23, 1990

*** BREAKING BARRIERS**

A Pastoral Care Workshop

First Baptist Church
10031 109 Street

Thursday, September 20, 1990 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

*** OPENING ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE**

First Baptist Church
10031 109 Street

Thursday, September 20, 1990 at 7:00 pm.

*** PRIVATE PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

Edmonton General Hospital Chapel
111 Street and 100 Avenue
Please use 100 Avenue entrance

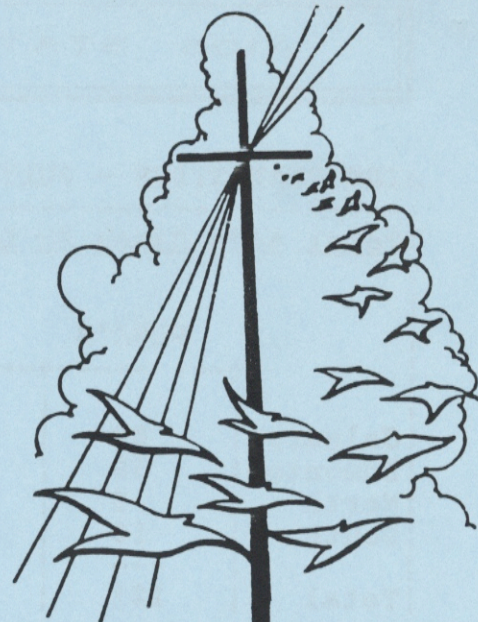
Friday, September 21, 1990 at 5:00 p.m.
to Sunday, September 23, 1990
at 4:30 p.m. (Closing prayers at 4:30)

CLOSING SERVICE

Metropolitan Community Church
at Unitarian Church Building
12530 110 Avenue

Sunday, September 23, 1990
at 7:30 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Phone 438-5168 or 424-4767
or Write
A.V.P. Committee
P.O. Box 53
Edmonton, AB. T5J 2G9



A CARING COMMUNITY IN ACTION

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
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	1 7 pm EPLWHIV	2	3 6 pm Educ Comm 6pm Brd Exc Comm	4	5 Canadian AIDS Society Brd Mtg-Social	6 CAS Brd Mtg
7	8	9 7 pm Support Serv Committee	10 5 pm Human Res Comm.	11	12	13
	THANKSGIVING					
14 CAS Brd Mtg AIDS Awareness Week (to Oct 20) Safer Sex Wksp 1 - 5pm	15 4 pm Fundraisin 6 pm BRD MTG 7pm EPLWHIV	16	17	18	19	20 Candlelight Walk TBA (close to AIDS Awareness Week)
21	22 7pm EPLWHIV	23	24	25	26	27
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